

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0017] Fig. 1A is a simplified block diagram of computer system 10 for managing electronic records and electronic signatures according to one embodiment of the present invention;

5 [0018] Fig. 1B is a logical block diagram of system 10 shown in Fig. 1A according to one embodiment of the present invention;

[0019] Fig. 2 illustrates one example of the data format used to store electronic records in evidence store 30 shown in Fig. 1B;

[0020] Fig. 3 is a more detailed block diagram of the system shown in Fig. 1B;

10 [0021] Fig. 4 is a flow chart that depicts various steps involved with setting up system 10 to associate electronic signatures with particular electronic records according to one embodiment of the invention;

[0022] Fig. 5 illustrates one example of an input form that can be completed by a user to enter information related to an event;

15 [0023] Fig. 6 illustrates one example of an approval matrix that can be defined during the process set forth in Fig. 4;

[0024] Figs. 7, 8 and 13-15 are examples of computer display screen shots generated by a graphical user interface to assist a user in creating indexed elements that can be used to create security rules and queries on electronic records stored in evidence store

20 30 according to one embodiment of the invention;

[0025] Fig. 9 illustrates one example of database tables that can be used to track indexed elements as part of index 33 shown in Fig. 1B according to one embodiment of the invention;

25 [0026] Figs. 10, 12 and 20 are examples of computer display screen shots generated by a graphical user interface to assist a user in creating security rules according to one embodiment of the invention;

[0027] Fig. 11 illustrates one example of a database table used to track security rules according to one embodiment of the invention; and

30 [0028] Figs. 13, 14, ~~17-19~~¹⁶⁻¹⁹ and 21 are examples of computer display screen shots generated by a graphical user interface to assist a user in creating queries according to one embodiment of the invention.

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